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MINUTES

OF THE

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

CONVENED WITH THE

Union Church,

Alleghany County, N. C.,

On Friday the 5th Day of October, A. D., 1866.

1st. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Wm. Lundy (pursuant to the appointment of last year,) from the 5th verse to the 9th verse of the 61st Chapter of Isaiah "And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks., &c.

After a short intermission the Delegates assembled in the Meeting House and were called to order by singing and prayer by the Moderator.

2nd. Received and read letters from all the Churches in our Union, from which the annexed table was prepared.

2rd. Organized by appointing Elder George Douglas Moderator, and Brother Wm. A. J. Fowlkes, Clerk.

4th. Called for correspondents from Sister Associations; when Elders J. H. Vannoy and T. Woody from Senter Association; and Elder Reuben Sparks from Roaring River District, and Elder S. J. Farthing and H. M. Bride from the Three Forks District came forward with Letters and Minutes certifying their appointment, took seats and aided in the business of the Association. Also, received a Letter and Minutes from the Washington Association, but no Messengers.

5th. Called for transient Ministers of our faith and order; when Elders N. M. Senter and John Adams from Senter Association, and P. A. Witt from Nolachucky Association accepted, seated with us and aided in council.

6th. Received and adopted; in lieu of the 8th article of our last year's Minutes,) a resolution of the Peace Convention at Pine Fork Meeting House, the 12th of September, 1866, in the following words, viz: "To lay all party spirit by and place the Churches on the same ground they were before the war; and in future be governed by the word of God, and live in peace"

7th. A letter from Elder C. Sparks was presented, purporting some charges against ministers of this body: we affectionately refer brother Sparks to the Churches to which such Ministers may belong; as we disclaim all right to deal with church members.

8th. Called on correspondents of last year; whose reports were satisfactory, and they were discharged.

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9th. Appointed Wm. Whitcal, John Gambill and Joel Kirby a committee to appoint correspondents to Sister Associations, who reported thus: To Washington Association, to be held with the New Garden Church, Russell County, Va., on Friday before the 2d Sunday in Sept., 1867;—Elders Wm. Lundy and J. J. Candill,—To the Roaring River Association to be held with the New Covenant Church on Friday before the 2nd Lord's day in Oct. 1866,—Elders G. Douglas, T. Carr and B. E. Candill,—To the Senter Association, to be held with the Beaver Church in on Friday before the 3d Sabbath in Sept., 1867, Elders E. Reeves and D. Candill,—To the Three Forks Association, to be held with the Brumly Fork Church, four miles west of Boone, on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in September, 1867, Elders Wm. B. Halsey and B. E. Candill.

10th. Appointed W. B. Halsey to write the corresponding letter to the Senter Association; J. J. Candill to Three Forks; T. Carr to Roaring River and B. E. Candill to Washington and have them ready for inspection to-morrow.

11th. Appointed Isaac Busack, Joel Kirby and S. Jennings with the delegates of Union Church, a standing committee to assign preachers for the stand during the meeting: Who reported for Saturday, 1st, Elders R. Sparks, 2d, N. M. Senter, 3d, P. A. Witt, 4th, S. J. Farthing.

12th. Appointed Wm. Lundy, B. E. Candill, T. Carr, John Gambill and Wm. B. Halsey, with the Moderator and Clerk, a select Committee to arrange the business of the Association, and invite correspondents and transients to sit with them.

13th. A letter and petition from the Jefferson Association were presented and read by its Moderator W. M. Baldwin, which was read and refered to the committee of arrangement.

14th. Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Wm. M. Baldwin.

Saturday Morning, 11 o'clock, October 6th A.D. 1866.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

After calling the roll, heard the report of the Commitee on arrangement, which on motion was received and the committee discharged.

By request of different brethren, the Constitution und rules of Decorum were read.

On motion of Elder B. E. Candill, agreed to take up the bill of arrangement in its regular order.

1st. Appointed J. M. Dickey, J. W. Parsons and Isaac Busack a committee of finance: Who reported that they received in contributions from the Churches $24,50.—Distributed to correspondents $7,50.—Allowed the Clerk $5,00 for his services; left in the hands of the Treasurer $12,00 to pay the expenses of printing, &c. On motion, received the report and discharged the committee.

2nd. Appointed Union meetings as follows: with Saddle Creek Church, to embrace the 4th Sabbath in July, 1867. Elders G. Douglas, J. J. Candill and Wm. Lundy to attend.

With Rock Creek Church, the 1st Saturday and Sunday in June, A.

D., 1867, Elders T. Carr, Wm. Lundy and Wm. B. Halsey to attend with Zion the 2nd Saturday and Sunday in July A. D., 1867, Elders Wm. Lundy, B. E. Candill and T. Carr to attend. With Antioch the 4th Saturday and Sunday in June, A. D., 1867, Elders Wm. B. Halsey, Wm. Lundy and J. J. Candill to attend. With X Roads the 4th Saturday and Sunday in Aug. A. D., 1867, Elders Wm. Lundy, B. E. Candill and G. Douglas to attend.

3d. On motion attached Friendship Church to the 3d Section and Zion to the 1st Section.

4th, In answer to the petition from the Jefferson Association calling on this body, to consider the propriety of calling for a Convention of the Baptists of this County, to see if there could not some means, be devised by which a union could be restored, such an object being very desirable;—but as we have passed through a dark and trying day, we feel it best to withhold an answer at the present, and say the door of the Church is open as ever, and all who desire fellowship with us can come in at the Door.

5th, The Committee on the Ministry reported for Sabbath, 1st, Elder J. H. Vannoy, 2d, Elder N. M. Senter, 3d, Elder P. A. Witt—On motion, received the report and discharged the committee.

6th, Inspected ann received corresponding letters, pursuant to the appointment of yesterday; when on motion, the brethren under appointment were discharged.

7th. The requests from Elk Creek, Crooked Creek, Cross Roads and Meadow Creek Churches were withdrawn.

8th, Appointed our next Association to be held with the Knob Fork Church, Grayson County, Virginia, on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in October, A. D. 1867. Elder ———, to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder ——— his alternate.

9th, Ordered that the Clerk be appointed Treasurer, and that he superintend the printing of the Minutes, and have 600 copies struck and distributed as usual.

10th, Resolved, that we tender our thanks to Almighty God, and the citizens of this vicinity, for the blessings conferred on us during the meeting.

10th, Adjourned to time and place appointed.

Prayer by Elder B. E. Candill.

GEORGE DOUGLAS, Moderator.

Wm. A. J. Fowlkes, Clerk.

SABBATH.

The Stand was occupied by those appointed.

1st. Elder J. H. Vannoy preached from the 11th verse of the 40th Chapter of Isaiah, "He shall feed a flock like a Shepherd," &c.

2nd, N. M. Senter, from 1st Corinthians, 4th Chapter and 20th verse, "For the Kingdom of God is not in word, but in power."

3rd, P. A. Witt, from the latter clause of the 19th verse of the 5th Chapter of the Gospel by Mark, "Go home to thy friends," &c.

There was in attendance, a large and well ordered congregation, and we hope much lasting good will be realized.

Wm. A. J. Fowlkes, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Counties.	Post Offices.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Saturday.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Let.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Contributions.
Antioch,	Alleghany,	Gap Civil,	Daniel Candill, D. C. Candill, Wm. Andress,	4th		4					25	$ .55
Crooked Creek	Carroll,	Cold Spring,	William Lundy,	2nd	3	1					50	.95
Cross Roads,	Grayson,	Old C House.	T. Carr, Solomon Jennings, Cox Edwards,	4th		4		2	5	2	102	2.45
Elk Creek,	Alleghany,	Gap Civil,	E. Reeves, B. E Candill, John Gambill,	2nd	1	3		4	3	1	151	2.00
Fox Creek,	Grayson.	M. of Wilson.	Wm. B. Halsey, J. W. Parsons, J. M. Kirk	3rd	2		1	1		1	63	2 00
Friendship,	Alleghany,	do	L H Halsey, R. M. Wyatte,	2nd					1		19	1 20
Jordan,	Grayson,	Independence	William A. J. Fowlkes,	3rd		1					42	1 00
Knob Fork,	do	Knob Fork,	Ephraim Boyer, Lilbern Bourn,	2nd							38	1 00
Little River,	Alleghany,	Glade Creek,	Richard Edwards S. Fender, James Andress,	3rd	2		1	6	1	1	70	.00
Meadow Creek,	Grayson,	M'd'w Creek.	Joel Kirby,	3rd				2		3	55	1 00
Piney Creek,	Alleghany,	Piney Creek,	George Douglas, Edmond Parsons, Jos. Richardson,	1st		2					76	2 50
Pine Fork,	do	Laur'l Springs	H. Prewitt, Jonathan Stamper, A. B. Prewitt,		4			2			19	60
Rock Creek,	Grayson,	Independence	Wright Wingate, Wm. Hawkins, Isaac Busack,	1st					4	1	21	2.75
Saddle Creek,	Grayson,	Bridle Creek,	John M. Dickey, John Barton, Lewis Carico,	4th	8				1	1	45	1.73
Union,	Alleghany,	Gap Civil,	J. J. Candill, Wm. Whitead, Josiah Candill,	1st	12	1		9	1		114	1.50
Zion,	do	Gap Civil,	Isaac Edwards, Richard Edwards, H. Edwards,			2			1		22	.76
			Total,		32	18	2	26	17	10	912	24.50